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## SENATE BILL NO. 720

Senate Amendments in [ ] — January 19, 2015

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-511.2, relating to placement and removal of arrest photograph on Internet; penalty.

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Marsden

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 18.2 a section numbered 18.2-511.2 as follows:

§ 18.2-511.2. *Accepting compensation for removal of arrest photograph from Internet; penalty.*

Any owner of a website who (i) is responsible for placing, publishing, or otherwise disseminating on a website a photograph of an individual taken by a law-enforcement agency pursuant to the arrest of the photographed individual and (ii) [ ~~solicits, requests, or accepts~~ extorts ] money or other thing of value for removing such photograph from the website is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Venue for a prosecution under this section may lie in the jurisdiction where the unlawful act occurred or where any photograph associated with a violation of this section is produced, reproduced, found, stored, or possessed.

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